Appendix: WIC Model Symbols

- M the number of supermarket chains in a local market area
- c_k marginal cost to the supermarket chain for formula brand k (k = 1, 2)
- $C_{k,i}$ total cost of brand k (k = 1, 2) for chain i (i = 1,...,M)
- q_{ki} quantity of brand k formula sold by chain i (i = 1, ..., M)
- N the number of households in a local market area that use formula
- H high-income households, used to represent both their number and their type
- L low-income households, used to represent both their number and their type
- $q_{k,j}$ quantity demanded for brand k formula (k = 1, 2) by type j households (j = L, H)
- P_k supermarket price for brand k formula (k = 1, 2)
- a_k price-independent demand parameter (intercept) for brand k formula
- u demand parameter that measures the tag-along effect
- b_j own-price demand parameter (slope) for type j households (j = L, H)
- s cross-price demand parameter
- z a household's saturation level of formula (and the WIC allocation)
- $q_{k,W}$ quantity demanded for brand k formula (k = 1, 2) by WIC households
- v the fraction of vouchers that a representative WIC household redeems in supermarkets
- θ_k the share of supermarket formula demand by a representative WIC household that is provided by brand k formula (k = 1, 2)
- δ dummy variable that equals 1 if WIC formula is distributed through the food delivery distribution system and zero otherwise
- Q_k Market demand for the supermarket sector for brand k formula (k = 1, 2)
- A_k market-level term equaling $(H + L)a_k$
- U market-level term equaling (H + L)u
- B market-level term equaling $Hb_H + Lb_L$
- S market-level term equaling (H + L)s
- D the ratio of the number of discount stores to total population
- h a constant of proportionality relating U to Q_W
- α a derived parameter
- β a derived parameter
- γ derived parameter
- Y the number of non-WIC households
- w the ratio of WIC to non-WIC households that buy formula
- b the group-weighted average of price sensitivity terms b_H and b_L , if WIC is present
- \mathbf{b}_0 the group-weighted average of price sensitivity terms \mathbf{b}_{H} and \mathbf{b}_{L} , if WIC is absent